

## POTOMAC VALLEY RADIO CLUB NEWSLETTER

MAY 1985

### MEETING NOTICE

WHEN: Monday, May 13, 1985, 7:30 P.M.

WHERE: NORTHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, Room 107A

DIRECTIONS: From the Capitol Beltway, exit north onto University Blvd. Proceed about 2 miles to the high school at the intersection of University and Arcola. The school is on the right side of University as you head north.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

The Potomac Valley Radio Club meets on the second Monday of the month from September through May, except for December. The monthly meeting site is currently the Northwood High School (directions above), and meetings begin at 7:30 P.M. The December meeting is held in a Washington area dining establishment. Summer meetings are typically held at various members' QTHs and generally consist of a social event and station tour.

Club officers for 1985 are: President, Wayne Hillenbrand, N2FB, (301) 688-7577 (w); Vice-President/ Activities Manager, Mark Kilmon, KD4NI, (703) 670-7646 (h), (703) 841-8188 (w); Secretary, Dave Siddall, K3ZJ, (703) 938-1495 (h), (202) 287-7290 (w); and Treasurer, Walt McGugan, W3FG, (301) 674-8077 (h), (301) 859-6394 (w). Please call any of us for info on the club. Please call Mark, KD4NI, to arrange for a program for a club meeting. W3FG is the current newsletter editor. Articles and ads from members are welcome and should be sent to Walt McGugan, W3FG, 1336 Burlington Dr, Odenton, MD 21113.

### NEW MEMBER

Welcome aboard to James (Jim) Hayhoe, N3AOE, PVRC's newest member. Jim lives in Columbia, MD, and has held the following former calls: CN8AN, EP8AN, WA3NKV, and WA6CPL.

### REQUEST FOR HELP!

PVRCer Gary Vest, WA3KCY/5, reports that he opened his mouth at the wrong time and found himself elected(?) Vice-President of the Red River DX Association. Gary is looking for programs to present to members of his new club, and remembers several slide and video cassette programs on DXing and contesting given at PVRC meetings. If you have, or can get ahold of, such a program to lend to Gary, please send it to Gary Vest, WA3KCY/5, Star Route Box 34, Holliday, TX 76366.

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PVRC's meeting site, the Northwood High School, will be permanently closed by Montgomery County this summer. Thus, we will be in need of a new site this coming September. If you can arrange for a place, please contact one of the club officers!

ARRL CONTEST ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOTES de Dave Siddall, K3ZJ,  
Roanoke Division Representative

CAC Organization. For those of you who do not follow changes in ARRL organization, I want to explain the make-up of the contest advisory committee. From its inception until 1982 members were selected by the ARRL President on a one per call area basis. Since 1982 advisory committee members have been appointed by the directors, one per ARRL division (15 + Canada). The committee thus is composed of members selected by the director elected by the ARRL members, and is responsible back to that director.

I think this was a beneficial change. The committee member is likely to be closer to the director who selected him and more likely to keep the director informed about contest matters. Also, the director is more likely to know when a member loses interest, and can replace that person. The committee member now is accountable indirectly to the division membership as the director is democratically elected by the division constituency. (The ARRL president is not elected by the members, but rather, is chosen by the elected directors.) Hopefully this results in better people doing a better job.

The President still selects the committee chairman. This is presently Randy Thompson, K5ZD, but probably he will be replaced shortly. He will lose his seat on the committee because in April he is moving from the Southwestern Division to New England. Unless the New England Director, Tom Frenaye, K1KI, replaces Doug Grant, K1DG, with Randy, it will be necessary for President Larry Price, W4RA, to appoint a new contest committee chairman from among the committee members.

There also are two other persons involved with the committee: the board liaison and the staff liaison. The board liaison presently is vice-director Rush Drake, W7RM. He will transmit the committee reports and votes to the board, and be able to answer directors' questions, etc., and convey their thoughts back to the committee. The staff liaison is Mike Kaczynski, W1OD. Every month he transmits all correspondence on the subject of contests to the committee members, including comments from the committee members themselves.

If you have anything useful to convey, any good ideas, or even bad ideas, you can send one letter either to the CAC c/o Mike at ARRL headquarters or to your division committee member. The entire committee will receive a copy. (Presumably if you write to your division's CAC representative he will relay your letter to the committee.) For PVRC/ ARRL members in Virginia and West Virginia, I am your representative. Members living in Maryland, the District of Columbia and Delaware are represented by Phil Koch, K3UA.

CAC recommendations are made to the ARRL Headquarters Awards Committee, which is composed of eight ARRL staffers chaired by John Lindholm, W1XX. With its approval, CAC proposals are implemented. In extraordinary circumstances the League's Vice President, Dave Sumner, K1ZZ, might intervene. If disagreement persists the board of directors undoubtedly would address the issue. The Board is responsible for oversight and has final authority to decide any matter and make any change. The directors are, of course, the democratically elected officials of ARRL responsible directly to the members.

So as with any democratic organization, within ARRL there are a number of persons involved in decisions on contest matters.

Next month I'll begin a regular series of notes on matters pending before the committee.